

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Amendment to the Preliminary Amendment of February 2007 is submitted after consultation with Examiner Ark today, June 2, 2008.

Upon information and belief, Applicant filed a Preliminary Amendment of April 18, 2006 that, *inter alia*, amended claim 23 to depend from claim 14 rather than claim 22. By showing the deletion of “22” as “~~22~~” rather than as “[~~22~~],” the amendment was not fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(d)(1). At Examiner Ark’s request, Applicant files this Supplemental Amendment to revise the amendment to claim 23 to be in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(d)(1).

It is believed that Applicant has complied with all formal requirements regarding amendments in reissue applications. The undersigned apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the submissions to date.

In the present amendment, the “newly presented” claims 48-83 are shown in underline.

With respect to the drawings, a prior submission has amended figure 7, which Applicant understands has been entered and approved.

No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

The declaration and supplemental declaration of record refer to substantively identical amendments included in prior submissions and so no further declarations are warranted.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c)

Claims 1-22 and 24-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,568,123 B2 are not amended in this reissue application, and are currently pending in the reissue application.

Claim 23 has been previously amended only to change its dependency to a different claim. At the Examiner's request, this previous amendment has been corrected in this Supplemental Amendment to be fully compliant with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.173(d)(1).

Accordingly applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-47 remain patentable.

Claims 48-83 were previously added to more completely cover the subject matter of Applicant's invention, and continue to be shown as "new" in this Supplemental Amendment. Exemplary sources for supportive disclosure of the recitations in those new claims is identified in the table below.

Claim	Support
48	Original claim 1 and column 13, lines 30-59
49	Original claim 2
50	Original claim 3
51	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
52	Original claim 5 and column 13, lines 30-59
53	Original claim 6
54	Original claim 20
55	Original claim 21
56	Original claim 31
57	Original claim 32
58	Original claim 33
59	Original claim 34
60	Original claim 35
61	Original claim 7 and column 13, lines 30-59
62	Original claim 8
63	Original claim 3

64	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
65	Original claim 5 and column 13, lines 30-59
66	Original claim 6
67	Original claim 20
68	Original claim 21
69	Original claim 31
70	Original claim 32
71	Original claim 33
72	Original claim 34 and column 7, line 19
73	Original claim 35
74	Original claim 31 and column 13, lines 30-59
75	Original claims 1 and 7
76	Original claim 3
77	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
78	Original claim 6
79	Original claim 21
80	Original claim 32
81	Original claim 33
82	Original claim 34
83	Original claim 35